

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2004
5:00 PM

On December 9, 2004, the Occupational Therapy Practice Board met by phone in a conference call. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

WENDY HOLMES, OT, CHAIR
CATHERINE WHITING, OT, VICE CHAIR
D. JILL PETRIE, COTA
MARK LEHNER, OT
JOHN BORAH, PUBLIC MEMBER

STAFF PRESENT

KRIS WAIDELY, PROGRAM MANAGER
JENNIFER BRESSI, PROGRAM MANAGER
PETER HARRIS, STAFF ATTORNEY
GAIL YU, AAG ADVISOR
JOY KING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thursday December 9, 2004 – 5:00 PM - OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Approval of Agenda
Agenda approved as presented.
- 1.2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2004.
Minutes approved as presented.

2. PROGRAM REPORT – Information provided to the Board by the Program Manager

- 2.1. Organizational Changes –
Ms. Bressi introduced Joy King as Section 3's new Executive Director. Section 3 has had an organizational change; complaints/cases/discipline will be handled by different unit within Section 3. This discipline unit was created to functionalize the discipline process. The administrative changes should not be apparent by the Board. We have completed interviewing and we will be offering the Office Assistant Senior (licensing representative) position to the successful candidate, hopefully this individual will be on board by January 1, 2005.
- 2.2. Budget Update
June, July, August, and September 2004 interim operating reports were provided to the Board.
- 2.3. Provided for the Board's Information
 - News Article from The Olympian on Occupational Therapists.

- Washington Health Professional Services statistics, September 2004 and October 2004.
- NBCOT Announces Eligibility Criteria for Occupational Therapist Registered OTR Candidates Effective December 31, 2006.
- AOTA completed survey.
- AOTA newsletter.
- FluMist announcement from Maxine Hayes, MD, MPH, Washington State Health Officer.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed and discussed correspondence from former Board member John Hatcher, OT. The question of whether the OT scope of practice allows for OT's to design, fabricate, or apply selected orthotic and prosthetic devices. The Board agreed with Mr. Hatcher's analysis of RCW 18.59.010, 18.59.020, and WAC 246-847-010. Gail Yu, AAG provided an overview of these specific RCW's and WAC's including orthotics and prosthetics RCW 18.200.010. The Board agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Hatcher, Department of Social Health Services indicating that RCW 18.59 specifically allows OT's to design, fabricate, or apply selected orthotic and prosthetic devices. Gail Yu, AAG and Jennifer Bressi, Program Manager will draft this letter. The Board delegated the approval of the correspondence letter to Wendy Holmes, Chair and Catherine Whiting, Vice-Chair.

CLOSED SESSION – 5:35 PM

4. DISCIPLINARY CASE REVIEWS

Case 2004-09-0002OT was closed at the October 1, 2004 meeting. Ms. Bressi explained that this case was opened and processed on the wrong practitioner. The case was deleted from this practitioner's occupational therapy license record and a letter indicating the error and correction was sent to the practitioner. Ms. Bressi will check with the case management team on how to file and/or destroy the physical file.

Case 2004-11-001OC – CLOSED (prior to investigation) – No violation

Case 2004-03-0001OT – CLOSED (after investigation) - Care rendered within standard

Case 2004-10-0001OT – CLOSED (after investigation) – Below threshold

Case 2004-08-0001OT – CLOSED (after investigation) – Evidence does not support violation

5. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Applicant A – hold need further information

Applicant B – applicant approved

Applicant C – applicant approved

Applicant D – applicant approved

Re-entry applicant (R) – completed re-entry plan, approved for license

Re-entry applicant (C) – completed re-entry plan, approved for license

6. CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS

Board members reviewed CE audits for compliance.

7. ADJOURNMENT - at 7:10 PM

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Jennifer Bressi
Program Manager

Wendy Holmes, OT, Chair
Occupational Therapy Practice Board